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The House met at 11:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TRONE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

March 23, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAVID J. TRONE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Michael Wilker, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

God our shepherd, You provide all we need: green pasture, safe waters, and protected paths. Even though we move through the valley of the shadow of death, we shall fear no evil, You are with us, You protect and comfort us.

Thank You for the shepherds among us, especially for healthcare workers whose care for others puts them at risk. Grant them wisdom, clarity and rest.

When our anxiety about disease turns into fear of our neighbors, forgive us. When fear constricts our hearts and compassion dries up, renew us. When exhaustion and scarcity cloud our judgment, lead us.

Encourage us to protect those most vulnerable, especially those who are sick, isolated, imprisoned, unemployed, or without shelter.

Shepherd the House of Representatives. Guide the Members along right pathways. Always alert to the reality of the threats facing us, give our leaders calm assurance and abiding trust in You.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(a) of House Resolution 891, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore Brown of Maryland on Friday, March 20, 2020:

S. 3503, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to treat certain programs of education converted to distance learning by reason of emergencies and health-related situations in the same manner as programs of education pursued at educational institutions, and for other purposes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TRONE) at 8 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, on Friday, March 20, 2020, announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 3503.—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to treat certain programs of education converted to distance learning by reason of emergencies and health-related situations in the same manner as programs of education pursued at educational institutions, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on March 9, 2020, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 5214. To amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees.

H.R. 5671. To award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Merchant Mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II.

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, further reported that on March 16, 2020, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 1365. To make technical corrections to the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act.

H.R. 4334. To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2020 through 2024, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4803. To facilitate the automatic acquisition of citizenship for lawful permanent resident children of military and Federal

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